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**OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

**Antonio Gill**

**Arizona American Water**

**W-01303A-09-0343**

**SW-01303A-09-0343**



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**From:** Ed Artz [ejartz@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** Fwd: DOC Number SW-01303A-09-0343 - Strongly Support Commission's Decision 72047

Edward & Diana M Artz

17942 W Montebello Ave

Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

April 25, 2012

Arizona Corporation Commission

1200 W Washington

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re DOC Number SW-01303A-09-0343

Attention Gary Pierce – Chairman

Bob Stump

Sandra D Kennedy

Paul Newman

Brenda Burns

Arizona Corporation Commission  
**DOCKETED**

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Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of the Russell Ranch Community, we object to EPCOR's request to extend the time to implement a winter average waste water design. We believe that EPCOR should implement the winter average rate design by June 1, 2012 as ordered by the commission in decision number 72047.

Russell Ranch residents received ample notice of the change and fully understood the implications on how future waste water rates will be calculated going forward. As a homeowner, I have made considerable efforts and sacrifices to conserve water useage in an attempt to avoid excessive waste water bills, and I would like to see the program implemented as directed. We are seasonal residents and 100% of our water useage from Mid May to Mid November is for landscape irrigation. So we were pleased to see a way to reduce our waste water bill as we do not use it in the summer at all. Waiting another year will produce another unfair tax on us.

Based on this, we request that the Commission deny EPCOR's request for an extension to the winter water average rate design. As a resident of Russell Ranch, we have prepared for the water rate change and believe it should go into effect June 1, 2012 as initially ordered by the commission.

Regards

Edward J. and Diana M. Artz

17942 W Montebello Ave  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

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**From:** JOE ST.MARTIN [jd8754@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 5:07 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No SW 01303A-09-0343 and W 01303A-09-0343

As a resident of Corte Bella I would like to voice my concern over the waste water increases that are being proposed at our community. I would like to let you know that we support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting. Please review the Docket No. SW 01303A-09-0343 and W 01303A-09-0343 and consider supporting the adoption of these proposed orders.

Joe & Cindy St. Martin  
12957 W. El Sueno Ct.

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**From:** Ina Slobodkin [Islobodkin@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:04 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343 - Waste Water concern

To the Commissioners,

I just wanted to send you a short note telling you that I support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order stating that deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting, to approve the ROO. Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, sincerely, Ina Slobodkin.

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From: sylvia veroni [shveroni@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 10:44 AM  
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
Subject: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

May 2, 2012

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I write to express my strong support of the recent recommended opinion & order issued by the Administrative Law Judge, on April 10, 2012, stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater District is not in the best interest (of the general public) at this time."

It is my understanding that given this categorical statement and ruling, the Arizona Corporation Commission must still issue their approval of the ALJ's findings in a meeting to be held on May 22nd & 23rd, 2012.

Over the past several months residents of Sun City West, Corte Bella, Sun City Grand and other communities have been forced to undertake the support of cost of opposing this matter as well as others, including the sale of the Arizona Water Company to a second party absent the transparency of information demanded of such an important and far reaching issue.

Little is know of this sale - value of existing assets, depreciated assets, salaries of management; manner of the development of the AWC rate base; and on and on. A dramatic failure on the part of the Arizona Corporation Commission's representation of the general public the Commission is elected to protect!

Now comes this matter - not an issue caused or instigated by the residents of Anthem, but one brought about by the lack of information - transparency - of the Developer, Dell Webb & Pulte - in their eagerness to bring these developments on line. Add to this is the granting by the ACC of a permit to construct the North West WWTP without proper justification of need, use or cost.

All in the face of a seriously declining economy.

These actions by the ACC and the desires of the City of Anthem to deconsolidate the subject Wastewater District only serve to place unsupportable financial burdens on the residents of Sun City West, **Corte Bella**, Sun City Grand and other communities - all of which are limited income communities - that have reached a level of diminishing returns for our citizens.

I hasten to remind the ACC that the residents of these communities participated through their various tax levies in the support of the widening of I-17 to Anthem, construction of new access ramps into the Anthem community and expansion of numerous additional services. All this following public statements made by AZDOT that no such expenditures would be made.

e have no recall of any opposition on the part of Sun City West, **Corte Bella**, Sun City Grand or others to these improvements. Improvements that served only to the benefit of the Anthem Community.

We strongly encourage the Commission support and adopt the April 10, 2012, ALJ's Recommended Opinion & Order in the upcoming May 22nd & 23rd, 2012 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia H Veroni

12937 W El Sueno Ct, Sun City West, AZ 85375 (Corte Bella)

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**From:** Joanne Robinson [2az\_redsgal@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 8:50 AM  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner:

I support the administrative law judge's recommended Opinion and Order in Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343 and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

To allow Epcor (formerly Arizona-American) to increase it's already outrageous rates would be criminal and contemptuous of its customers.

Most outrageous is its sewer charge on the 70 percent of our water use that, Epcor's own bills acknowledge, is used to sustain vegetation outdoors.

Joanne Robinson  
22624 N. Las Positas Dr.  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
623-561-1535

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**From:** Stan Sacha [sachas14127@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 8:13 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Re: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner,

As a member of the Corte Bella Country Club Association, I support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order, and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting to be held on May 22nd and May 23rd, 2012.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Sacha  
23140 N Loreto Drive  
Sun City West, AZ 85375



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**From:** gbrawley@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 6:45 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioners,

We support the Administrative Law Judges recommendation and Order that the deconsolidation of Anthem and Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time. We are living in a modest subdivision with largely retired fixed income residents. My wife and I will be following this closely and want to encourage your support. Please let us know your position on the issue.

thank you for your support and understanding,

Gerald and Louise Brawley  
22010 N Pedregosa Dr  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
gbrawley@aol.com

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**From:** Evelyn [evelynh@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 6:45 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** public comment

Commissioner Gary Pierce,

Public Comment

Regarding the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater District in Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343.

On April 10, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Opinion and Order (the "ROO") stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time."

The residents of Anthem (which greatly outnumber those in Corte Bella) have submitted numerous public comments urging the ACC to reject the ROO and deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District.

I strongly support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

Regards,

Evelyn Hussein

22512 N Arrellaga Dr

Sun City West, Az 85375

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**From:** Donald Shaw [sshawx4@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2012 6:37 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Cc:** sshawx4@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

We support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting."

Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Donald and JoAnn Shaw  
12835 W Panchita Drive  
Sun City West (Corte Bella), Az 85375

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**From:** Ron Steik [ronsteik@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 7:33 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Help-

This email is a resident of Corte Bella **complaint** on docket No. **SW-01303A-09-0343** and **W-01303A-09-0343** concerning water pricing increase.

We feel it's unfair for Corte Bella residents to pay more for public water than our neighbors in Sun City West and Sun City. Del Webb realized, in the early years, water shortage would be a big concern to retirement communities. Therefore they installed wells in all their communities to help offset the demands from the water districts. Pulte (Del Webb) sold off our water well rights in Corte Bella to the water district approx. 6 years ago. This was **not done** by Del Webb in his older communities.

Please use fair judgment in the upcoming decision.

Sincerely

Ronald and Audrey Kay Steik  
13224 W. Panchita Drive  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

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**From:** Alan Hodges [alanhodges@q.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:53 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear sirs,

My family supports the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and we request that the Commission adopts the Order at the Open Meeting.

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**From:** Gordon Price [gordonprice@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:50 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; mailmaster-web@azcc.gov  
**Subject:** Docket #SW-01303-09-0343 Docket#W-01303-09-0343

It is our understanding that the Administrative Law Judge has issued a Recommendation Opinion and Order against the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District. We strongly agree with this position and respectfully request that you vote in support of this order.

We are long time retired residents of Corte Bella on fixed income and implementation of deconsolidation would place a very severe financial hardship on us.

Respectfully

Gordon and Carole Price  
22817 N Galicia Drive  
Sun City West  
AZ 85375

**Antonio Gill**

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**From:** Ron Lidskin [rml1717@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 6:02 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Re: Docket No SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

To Commissioners Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Brenda Burns:

My husband and I are Corte Bella Country Club residents and we support and urge you to support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 or whatever date is determined. We are in a retirement community and live on a fixed income. The increase that would ultimately result if the Opinion and Order are not adopted would put a financial strain on us and I'm sure many others that reside here.

Sincerely,

Ronald and Susan Lidskin

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**From:** Beverly Egger [jbegger@live.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 5:30 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-web@azzcc.gov; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

As residents of Corte Bella (and retirees), we strongly urge you to support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

]Beverly and James Egger



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**From:** David Strom [strommie60@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:40 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** Doc. # SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Mr. Gary Pierce,

Regarding Docket Numbers : SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

**I am in support of Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order** and I request that the Commission adopt the Order at the open meeting.

Increasing the waste water rate by over \$800 per year for the average homeowner is outlandish and exorbitant.

Dave Strom  
Corte Bella  
Sun City West, AZ

**Antonio Gill**

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**From:** Candace Elvgren [candyelvgren@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 3:22 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Cc:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** ALJ's recommended Opinion & Order

May 1, 2012

Reference: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner;

I am a full time resident of Corte Bella. I am a registered voter and a member of the Tea Party. I support the ALJ's recommended Opinion and Order and I am requesting that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

I am single and living on a fixed income and the suggested increase in the water rates would be a real burden. I feel safe and at home living in this community. That was my reason for moving there five years ago. I fear that I may be forced to move because I can no longer afford to live there.

Respectfully,

Candace Elvgren  
22625 N. Las Positas Dr.  
Sun City West, AZ 85375

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**From:** G.W. MIKE YEAGER [gary\_yeager@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 1:48 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Arizona Corporation Commission Meeting 22/23 May 2012

Reference Docket No. SW-01393A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Commission Members: In response to the referenced Dockets, I unequivocally support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO) issued 10 April 2012, that "Deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District is not in the best interest at this time," and I strongly encourage the Commission to support, accept and approve the ROO at the Open Meeting on 22/23 May 2012.

Submitted for your consideration: Gary W. Yeager, 23305 N. Del Monte Court, Sun City West, AZ 85375, Phone 623-271-6958

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** John Moore [gr8guy@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 2:27 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; 'and'  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner:

I am a resident of Sun City West and Live in Corte Bella Country Club. As a retiree living on a small fixed income, I was shocked and dismayed to learn my water bill may increase about \$70.00 per month if the Recommended Opinion and Order issued by an Administrative Law Judge on April 10, 2012 is not approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission. The docket number for this action is: SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343.

Please accept or approve the ROO order as it was written. The eighteen hundred residents of Corte Bella cannot afford to pay an additional \$800 per year in water bills. This is simply outrageous.

Respectfully yours,

John Moore

12811 W. Santa Ynez Dr.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

623 215-2616

On April 10, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Opinion and Order (the "ROO") stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time." Although this was a big victory for Corte Bella residents, the case is not over yet. The Arizona Corporation Commission (the "ACC") must still approve the ROO. Consideration of this matter has tentatively been scheduled for the Open Meeting to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this meeting, the ACC will decide whether to accept, modify or reject the ROO.

"you support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting." You must reference Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343 as part of your submission.

On April 10, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Opinion and Order (the "ROO") stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time." Although this was a big victory for Corte Bella residents, the case is not over yet. The Arizona Corporation Commission (the "ACC") must still approve the ROO. Consideration of this matter has tentatively been scheduled for the Open Meeting to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this meeting, the ACC will decide whether to accept, modify or reject the ROO.

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**From:** Dona and Tom Newman [neneandpops@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 2:28 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

On April 10, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Opinion and Order (the "ROO") stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time." It appears that the evidence is conclusive. Please give high regard to the ROO during your final deliberations on this matter. Deconsolidation is just too much of a burden for too many people in too little time.

Thank You,  
Thomas K Newman

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Jan&Gord Rowley [therowleys@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 3:05 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Ref: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Commissioners:

We write to express our support for the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and we request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

Thank you.

Gordon and Janet Rowley  
Corte Bella Homeowners



**Antonio Gill**

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**From:** Cecy Johnson-Moore [cecy1@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2012 2:31 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner:

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Please accept or approve the ROO order as it was written. The eighteen hundred residents of Corte Bella cannot afford to pay an additional \$800 per year in water bills. This is simply outrageous.

Respectfully yours,

Cecy Johnson- Moore

12811 W. Santa Ynez Dr.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

623 215-2702

Direct Line: 359-5440

May 2, 2012

Arizona Corporation Commission,  
c/o Consumer Services Division,  
1200 West Washington Street,  
PHOENIX, Arizona.  
85007.

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and  
W-01303A-09-0343  
Our File: 155-1177 IDM**

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Please be advised that the writer and his wife are property owner in Corte Bella through our corporation Shirilan Holdings Ltd.. We purchased our property in 2010 on the basis of the utilities rates that were in place at that time which, were a bit high compared to Canadian utility rates but were still well within the acceptable amounts. In this regard we were somewhat perplexed when an application was made to increase the water rates. We appreciate that profitability is important however in times such as these where the economy is suffering it is not in anybody's best interest to increase any utility rates including water rates as has been proposed. In order to encourage people from outside of the State to buy and/or rent property in the valley restraint must be shown. Similarly the foreclosure rate and the number of short sales in our area is alarming. This obviously results in fewer families paying utilities. In this regard many families are on the verge of losing their homes and a extremely large rate hike such as has been proposed makes these families inability to meet their obligations more difficult. In this regard I have discussed this matter with other Canadians who have purchased property in Corte Bella and we are strongly opposed to that which you are proposing. In short we support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Unfortunately I will not be able to appear due to the fact that I will be returning to Canada on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

If the Commission is truly interested in helping overcome the economic slump by encouraging non-residents to purchase property in this area this is not the way to do it as, in my view, it will only discourage prospective buyers from becoming residence in this area and have them purchasing in other areas of the Valley.

Recently there have been real estate agents coming into Canada extolling the virtues of buying in the Valley however they have been very forthright in indicating that in certain areas, including ours, that there have been large utility rate increases proposed. This is not conducive to encouraging prospective buyers to purchase in areas such as Corte Bella. I would hope that you will not allow this rate increase to go ahead as it may have a very adverse effect on our area and any other area that this increase may effect.

If we had of known of this proposal when we were looking at buying we would likely have bought in another area as there are many desirable locations other than Corte Bella.

If you have any questions you may contact me at any time and perhaps the best way would be through my cell phone which is 1-306-536-3196.

Yours very truly,

**McKAY & ASSOCIATES**

Per:

IAN D. McKAY, Q.C.

IDM/cc

cc – Mr. Gary Pierce – via e-mail – [Pierce-web@azcc.gov](mailto:Pierce-web@azcc.gov)

cc – Mr. Bob Stump – via e-mail – [Stump-web@azcc.gov](mailto:Stump-web@azcc.gov)

cc – Ms. Sandra Kennedy – via e-mail – [Kennedy-web@azcc.gov](mailto:Kennedy-web@azcc.gov)

cc – Mr. Paul Newman – via e-mail – [Newman-web@azcc.gov](mailto:Newman-web@azcc.gov)

cc – Ms. Brenda Burns - via e-mail – [Burns-web@azcc.gov](mailto:Burns-web@azcc.gov)

cc – mailmaster – via e-mail – [mailmaster@azcc.gov](mailto:mailmaster@azcc.gov)

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**From:** Richard Frechette [rafrechette@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 9:52 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Docket No.SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioners; As a resident of Corte Bella for the past almost nine (9) years we have seen our water and waste water monthly bill increase from \$52 a month to over \$120 a month. We have done everything conceivable to cut back on water usage with the exception of eliminating our outside landscaping (shrubs, bushes, trees) to keep our monthly costs down. My wife and I are retired and on a fixed income and quite possibly will have to put our home up for sale should these arguably high rates continue to increase. We are opposed to the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater district. Honestly we cannot afford another monthly increase of almost \$70.00 a month or a total of \$2280 a year for this service. If this docket is approved there will also be a backlash of other increases since our HOA will be forced to add additional costs to all the homeowners as well. The deconsolidation is certainly not in the best interests of we homeowners in Corte Bella. Thank you for your time and I am hopeful you will do the right thing as elected officials. Sincerely,  
Richard A. Frechette

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**From:** longgroup [longgroup@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 12:38 PM  
**To:** Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Paul Newman; Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Fw: Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater Deconsolidate

### ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM/AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

*RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CRAFT THEIR OWN LETTERS USING THIS SAMPLE AS A GUIDE*

May 3, 2012

Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing 1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commissioner(s) Newman, Burns, Pierce, Stump, Kennedy:

SW-01303A-09-0343

I am writing in support of deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District operated by Arizona American Water Company (AAWC). I strongly believe that Anthem customers should pay for the treatment plants, facilities, and infrastructure that serve our community. As Anthem residents we pay for a state of the art wastewater treatment facility; why should we also be paying for the costs of facilities that we do not use and will never use? Anthem's system has no physical connection to the Agua Fria system – we should not pay for what is not "used and useful" by Anthem residents!"

I understand that deconsolidation will result in increased rates for Agua Fria customers. I also understand that the Anthem Community Council has proposed a phase-in of the rates, similar to what we experienced in the recent water rate case, as a means of softening the impact. I support this phase-in as a means of mitigating the effect of the rate increase through a 3-year phase-in of the rates.

The bottom line is that deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district is the right thing to do under the current model for private water/wastewater systems in Arizona. It returns our service to what is "just and reasonable." To not deconsolidate is to go against the principles that the Commission has advocated and would result in different and unfair treatment for Anthem ratepayers.

Deconsolidation is consistent with the stand alone, cost of service systems owned and operated by AAWC throughout the state, and creates an even playing field. To delay until consolidation is considered is unfair; statewide consolidation has not occurred to date, and may or may not occur at an unknown time in the future. The time to correct this disparity is NOW by approving deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district as put forth by the AAWC in their April 1 filing.

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to right this wrong, and deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district.

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** shep1920@cox.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 3:35 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

I am asking that each of you please support the Recommended Opinion and Order and adopt the order at the open meeting. The de consolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District in Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343 would cause such undue hardship on communities that can least afford such an increase. I personally can barely meet my monthly expenses currently and these continued increase will result in my walking away from my home like many of my neighbors and friends have been forced to do. These kind of results will just perpetuate problems for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

James & Johnetta Hill

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** D. Callis [calliscapital@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 4:10 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343 .

I support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

**Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343**

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Diane Callis

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** John Olson [jack.sandy.olson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 5:40 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

I support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting." You must reference Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343 as part of your submission. If not adopted we face over a \$800 annual increase in our wastewater rates and we are only here 6 months of the year. Your consideration is appreciated and will be noted. Thank you.

John and Sandra Olson  
22113 N Pedregosa D  
Sun City West, Az 85375



## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Judy & Leon Rischall [manapapa4@q.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2012 8:50 PM  
**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

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## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Jeff Ablin [jeff.ablin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2012 7:15 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater District in Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Commissioners:

**Re: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343**

As advised by EPCOR's May 18, 2011 mailing, "Decision... approved a rate increase which resulted in an increase of \$67.97 per month for an average water user." If approved, this would increase our annual cost by \$815.64! For residents of Corte Bella, an age-restricted community, this proposed increase would result in a significant financial burden. Most residents, including us, are either retired or have been forced back to work to make ends meet.

On April 10, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Opinion and Order (the "ROO") stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time." We strongly support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jeff & Pam Ablin